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**Clean Water Partners Wants You!
To Help Control Stormwater Runoff Pollution**

Clean Water Partners, in conjunction with the Philadelphia Water Department, the Partnership for the Delaware Estuary and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is hosting a kick-off breakfast for business owners in the Chinatown, Roxborough and Chester County areas, on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Hampton Inn located on 1301 Race Street.

Clean Water Partners is a voluntary, non-regulatory program designed to educate business owners about how they can help control stormwater runoff pollution. This kick-off event will mark the beginning of our efforts to encourage businesses to make a commitment to implement "good housekeeping practices" to control pollution. For most businesses, these practices are simple ones. Actions such as frequently sweeping to pick up debris, covering and elevating stored materials so pollutants are not washed away by rain water and reducing the use of toxic chemicals to limit the potential of hazardous spills, will all help to control stormwater runoff pollution.

Stormwater runoff pollution has a direct impact on drinking water quality. When it rains or when snow melts, stormwater can pick up pollutants such as grease, oils and antifreeze as it washes over sidewalks, driveways and roads. Most of the polluted stormwater flows into storm drains, which will empty into local creeks that eventually make their way into the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers - our drinking water sources.

This free breakfast and kick-off is being funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Growing Greener Program and the Philadelphia Water Department.

Business owners please call 1-800-445-4935 by Friday, February 22, 2002 to reserve your seat for this important event.

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